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SUBJECT: THORN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON UNGA

REF: A) USUN 623; B) LUXEMBOURG 160

1. DEPT CONCURS IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE USG BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO THORN'S REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS AND IS PLANNING ACCORDINGLY. DEPT INCLINED THINK THAT ONCE THORN IS CONFIRMED CANDIDATE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS COULD MOST USEFULLY FOCUS ON ROLE OF GA PRESIDENT AND OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN SEEKING TO CONCILIATE ISSUES ON WHICH OPINION IS WIDELY AND DEEPLY DIVIDED RATHER THAN LETTING DISCUSSION PROCEED UNIMPEDED TO POINT OF CONFRONTATION IN ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO WHICH THERE SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION. SUCH RESOLUTIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND THEIR ADOPTION SERVES ONLY TO MAR GA'S "IMAGE" AND TO UNDERMINE ITS ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS "A CENTER FOR HARMONIZING THE ACTIONS OF NATIONS" IN PURSUIT OF THE COMMON ENDS LAID DOWN IN THE CHARTER.

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2. IF THORN RESPONSIVE TO THIS CONCEPT OF ACTIVE

CONCILIATORY ROLE FOR GA PRESIDENT, WE WOULD EXPECT HIM SEE NEED FOR BRINGING WITH HIM TO GA SESSION OR APPOINTING FROM LUXEMBOURG UN MISSION ONE OR MORE ABLE PERSONAL AIDES TO ASSIST HIM. THERE WOULD BE DEFINITE ADVANTAGE IN ESTABLISHING EARLY CONTACT BETWEEN SUCH AIDES AND

SENIOR POLITICAL AND LEGAL ADVISERS AT USUN SO THAT THERE WOULD BE WELL ESTABLISHED CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THORN COULD SEEK HIS COUNSEL AND ADVICE DISCREETLY WHENEVER HE WISHED. IF THORN DECIDES TO DESIGNATE SUCH AIDES, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO BE APPOINTED TO LUXEMBOURG MISSION SEVERAL MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE SESSION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP NECESSARY BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS. (WE PRESUME PIERRE WURTH, FORMER PERMREP WHO MIGHT WELL ACCOMPANY THORN, WOULD UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE THIS TYPE OF PREPARATION.)

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREGOING THINKING, DEPT PLANS TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY AS SOON AS WEO GROUP AGREES ON THORN CANDIDACY TO (1) CONGRATULATE THORN ON HIS CANDIDACY, (2) STATE THAT THE U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS IT, (3) TELL THORN THAT WE BELIEVE HIS ELECTION WILL GIVE HIM A VERY TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE TRENDS IN UNGA CONDUCT OF WORK IN MORE CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION, (4) INDICATE THAT A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A TRIP LATER THIS SPRING TO EUROPE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH THORN, (5) INQUIRE THORN'S INTENTIONS REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR STAFFING HIS FUNCTION OBSERVING THAT WHILE UN SECRETARIAT HAS GOOD CAPACITIES UNDER UNDER SECRETARY MORSE AND LEGAL COUNSEL, HE WILL BE WELL ADVISED TO HAVE ONE OR TWO CLOSE PERSONAL AIDES ASSISTING HIM, (6) STATE THAT AS SOON AS SUCH AIDES ARE DESIGNATED, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST THEM, IF DESIRED, PREFERABLY IN NEW YORK BUT CONCEIVABLY TO SOME EXTENT VIA EMBASSY, (7) NOTE THAT, WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY, IT IS STILL EARLY TO GET INTO MUCH DETAIL. SOME ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED DURING POSSIBLE VISIT OF SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL LATER IN SPRING AND OTHERS AT OR AFTER PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS
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IN NATO WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF SPECIAL UNGA.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM USING ANY OF FOREGOING UNTIL SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED.

5. MISSION AND EMBASSY COMMENTS REQUESTED. INGERSOLL

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